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ASSOCIATING A LOGICAL IDENTIFICATION WITH A PHYSICAL
IDENTIFICATION

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This paper is submitted in response to the non-final office action dated May 7, 2004, in which the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 12, 18, and 19 as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art and found that claims 2, 4-11, and 13-17 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicants amended many of the claims, including the independent claims, to clarify certain claim requirements and elements. Applicants canceled claims 18 and 19. Applicants further rewrote claims 2, 4, and 13 in independent form to place in condition for allowance along with the claims 4-11 and 14-17 depending from amended claims 4 and 13. Applicants added claims 20-41 providing requirements of claims 1-11 in method and computer readable medium form. Applicants submit that all pending claims 1-17 and 20-41 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13.

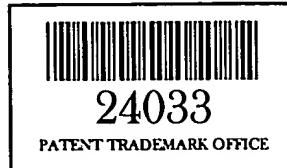
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